

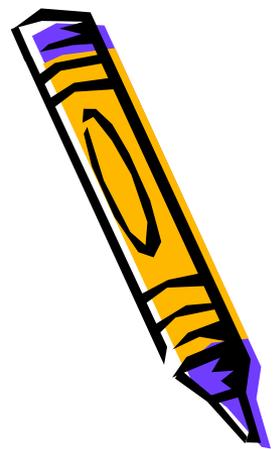


Welcome to Supporting
my child on their
Learning Journey.

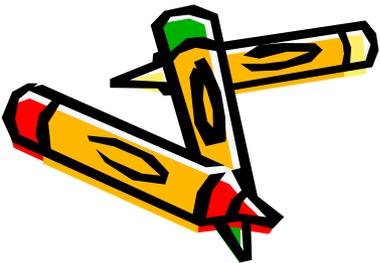
Croeso i Ysgol Gynradd Maesybryn



Thank you for coming!



- This is an evening to show you how to help your child at home.
- We will give you ideas on strategies to help your child read and write.
- We will encourage you to use mathematics in all areas of learning.
- We will give you ideas of activities you can do together.
- We will show you how to use our home reading scheme.
- Encourage you to use the indoor and outdoor environment to help your child on their learning journey.
- Question time and explore the activities on offer.



Language, Literacy and Communication Skills

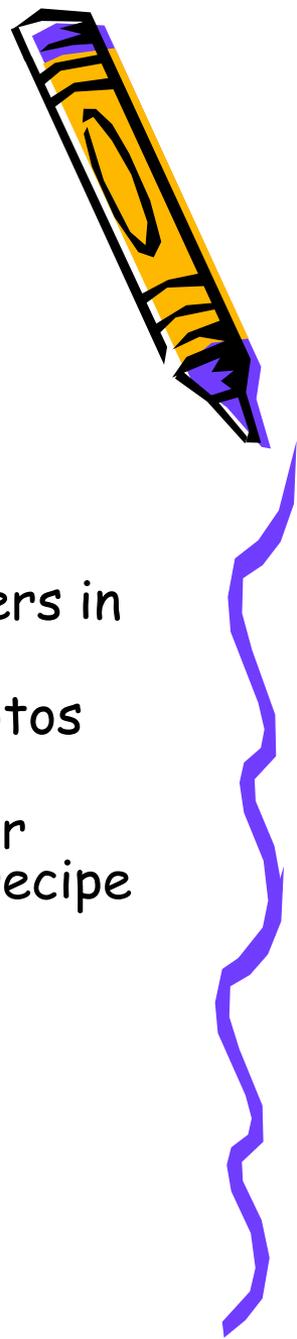


- Your child is immersed in language experiences and activities on a daily basis. Their skills will develop through talking, signing, communicating and listening.
- Your child has the opportunity to choose and use reading materials and a wide range of opportunities to enjoy drawing and writing experiences.
- Your child is encouraged to communicate their needs, feelings and thoughts and retell experiences.

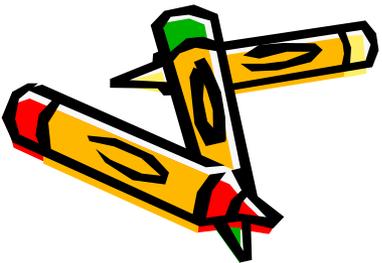




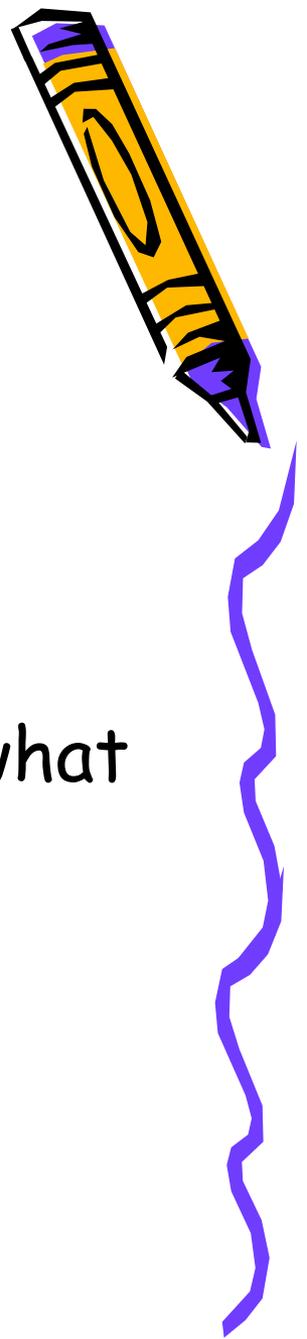
What can I do to help my child learn to read?



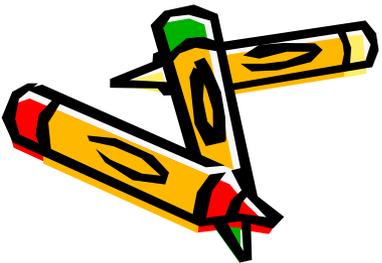
- Let them see you reading.
- Share books together.
- Look at words in the world around you.
- Point out print everywhere e.g. supermarkets-find letters in their name.
- Write things for them. Make scrap books from old photos or magazines. Write notes to them.
- Show them how you find out things by reading. Look for names of TV programmes in the newspaper. Look at a recipe together when cooking.



How do I share books with my child?



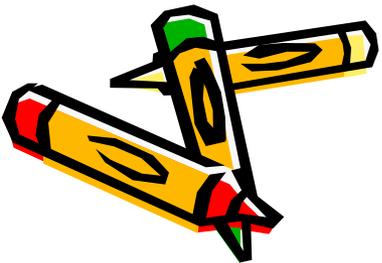
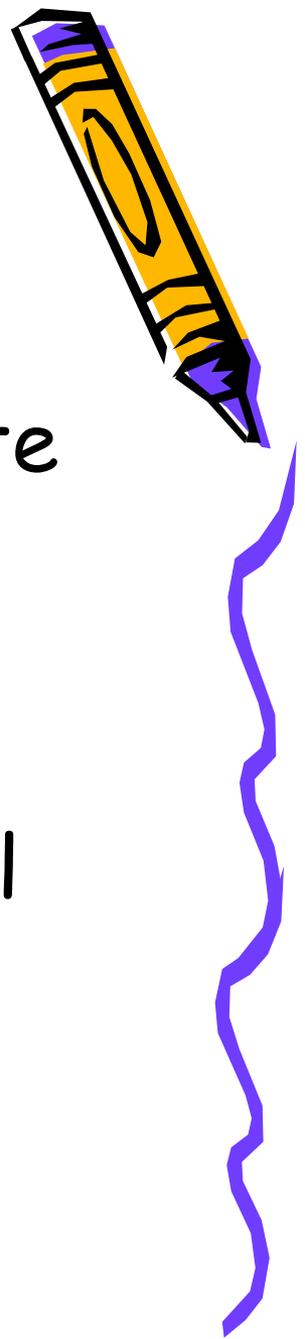
- Choose books together.
- Look at the cover and talk about it.
- Let them hold and turn the pages.
- Look at the pictures first and discuss what the book might be about.
- Read lots of different books together.
- Maybe pop along to the local library.



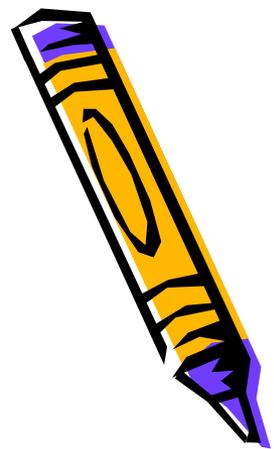
How do the teachers teach reading?

There has always been much debate about the best ways to teaching reading.

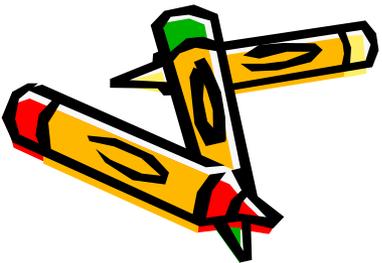
We use a mixture of methods at Maesybryn Primary that give a well balanced approach to teach your child to read:



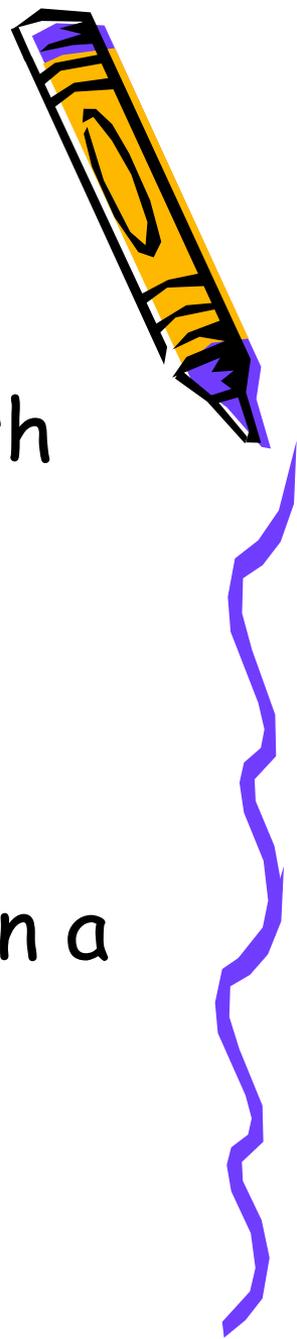
POPAT/Jolly Phonics



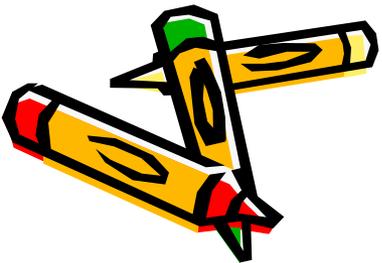
- Children are taught to 'sound out' letters or groups of letters.
- Examples of Jolly Phonic books/activities are displayed.
- It helps them to have a go at reading a new word and also helps when writing.
- POPAT started in Nursery will continue in groups children who require further input and learn well in a small group situation.
- We will assess the needs of your child.



Look and say or whole word



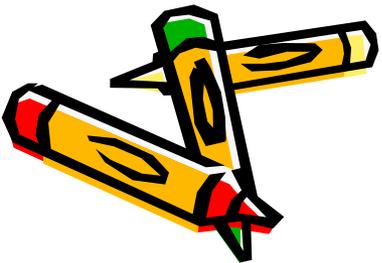
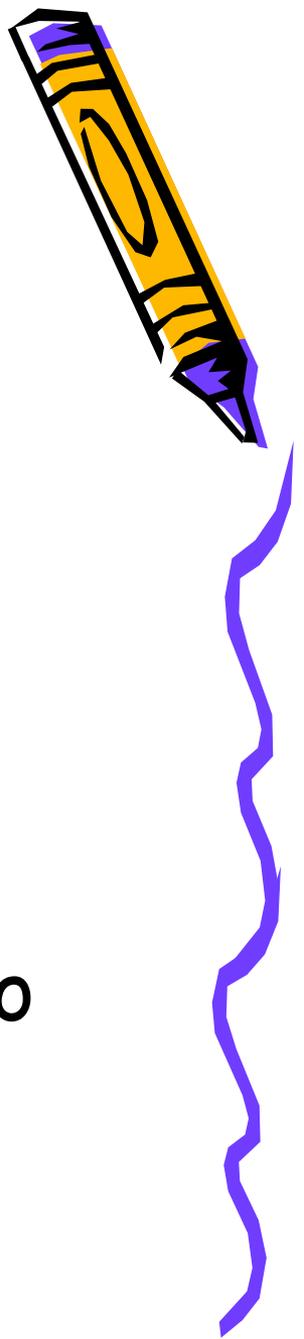
- Children learn to say words on flash cards and say what the word is
- It is useful for children to know some words by heart.
- But... A word is much harder to remember all by itself instead of in a story or a sentence.



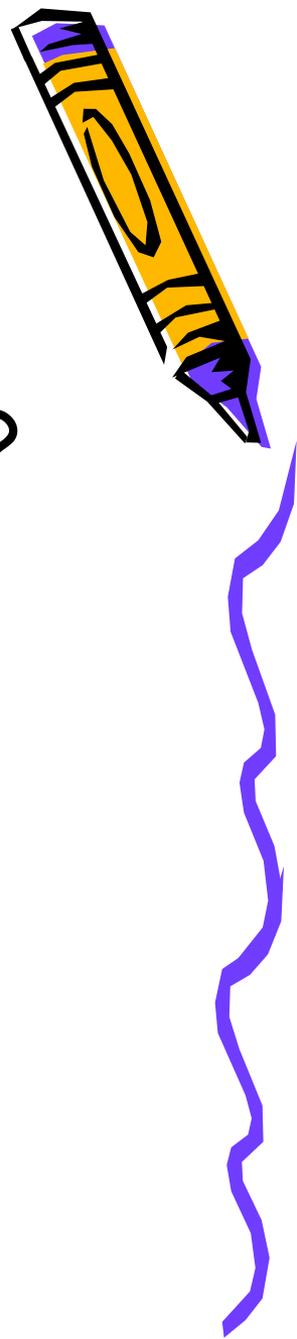
Reading scheme

- Letter sounds
- Ginn Reading
- New Way
- Oxford Reading Tree

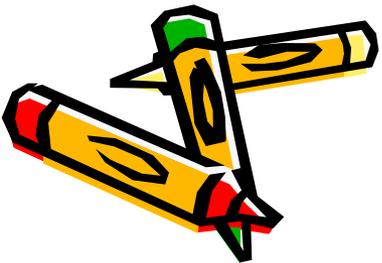
Examples are displayed for you. Also look at the reading bag.



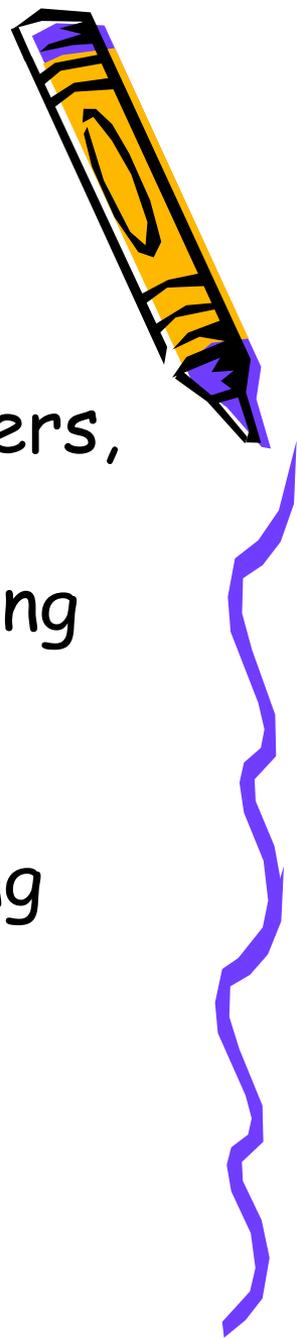
Some Questions often asked...



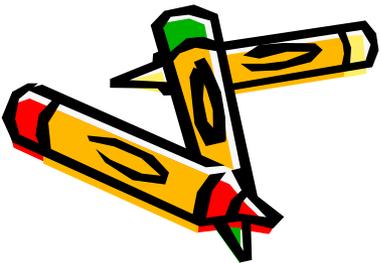
- What method is best for my child?
- How can I help the teacher?
- What if my friend's child is on a harder book?
- What if my child doesn't want to read to me?



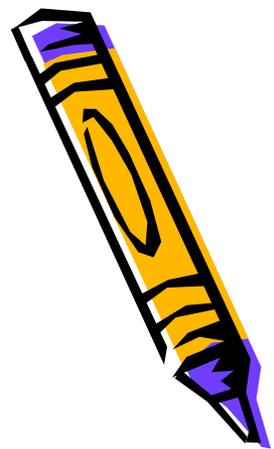
Encouraging your child to write.



- Let them watch you write e.g lists, letters, notes
- Let your child write independently making their own 'pretend' lists.
- Let them join in sending a card to Nan!
- Talk to your child about writing-listening to stories can help them to write their own.

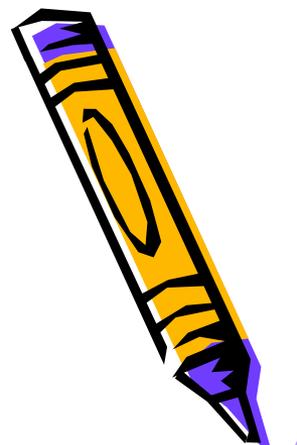


Is spelling and formation important at first?



- The first important stage is making sure your child has good strong fine motor control.
- Encourage your child to make lots of different marks on paper. Writing patterns are good to help.
- Bit by bit they will start to write shapes that look more like letters.
- Often they like letters that are in their name.
- Encourage your child to use their knowledge of letter sounds to 'have a go' at writing words.
- Much later on, when your child is writing a lot, you can correct spellings or look it up in the dictionary for them.

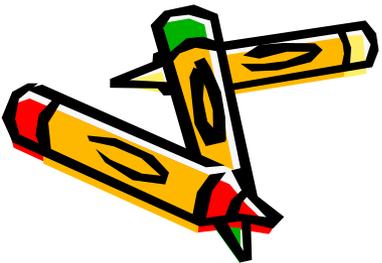




Encouraging Mathematical Development



- Count toys/objects in the house.
- Look at the page numbers in books
- Look at numbers in the world around you.
- Ask your child to describe shape/colour of objects
- Measure and weigh objects in the kitchen.
- Make it fun for your child!



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